(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the action being taken by Government with regard to the assessment of foodgrains production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Certain parts of the country were affected during 1999-2000 because of adverse agro-climatic conditions which resulted in water shortage and drought situation in certain areas. Despite these adverse agro-climatic conditions, there was no adverse effect on the overall foodgrains production and the country is expected to achieve a record production of 205.91 million tonnes of foodgrains.

(c) The Government periodically assess the production of foodgrains and other commercial crops. According to the latest assessment done on 29th June, 2000, the production of foodgrains during 1999-2000 is estimated at 205.91 million tonnes which is an all time record.

Food Production in North-Eastern States

476. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of food production *vis-a-vis* food requirement in the North-Eastern States, State-wise;

(b) whether Government of Tripura has submitted any perspective plan for achieving self-sufficiency in food by the year 2010;

(c) whether any details action plan for achieving the objectives for the next two years (2000-2001) has been submitted by the said Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) A statement indicating State-wise food production *vis-a-vis* food requirement in North-Eastern states is attached. (*see* below)

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir, The Government of Tripura has submitted a Perspective Plan for attaining self-sufficiency in foodgrains production, including Action Plan for 2000-2001.

(d) Under Perspective Plan/Action Plan, emphasis has been laid for increasing production of Rice, Wheat, Maize and Pulses through adoption of the following strategies;

- Increasing irrigation potential to the maximum possible.
- Enhancing cropping intensity to the maximum possible extent.
- Seed replacement.
- Varietal replacement.
- Enhancing consumption of plant nutrient.
- Incorporation of bio-fertilizer in conjunction with inorganic fertilizers.
- Integrated Pest Management.
- Research Support.
- Adequate Farm Power.
- Adequate Credit.
- Efficient extension support.
- Ensuring people's participatio

Statement

State-wise food production vis-a-vis food requirement in North Eastern States

States	Requirement		Production (In million tonnes)
	Human Consumption	Total	
Arunachal Pradesh	0.19	0.22	0.20
Assam	4.37	4.99	3.51
Manipur	0.41	0.47	0.38
Meghalaya	0.39	0.45	0.18
Mizoram	0.15	0.17	0.14
Nagaland	0.27	0.31	0.24
Sikkim	0.09	0.10	0.10
Tripura	0.61	0.70	0.54

(1) Consumption requirement has been worked out by using normative requirement of foodgrains at 182.5 kg/cu/year as recommended by the National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad.

(2) To the human consumption requirements has been added the quantum required for seed, feed and wastage, which is being assumed at 12.5 per cent of total.

(3) The deficiency has been worked out by comparing the requirement of foodgrains with the average production of foodgrains during the last three years (1996-99)